

1882-036 Chancery Causes: Balus Lorton vs. Elizabeth Lorton alias Elizabeth Vaughn
Lee Co.

Stewart, Davis, Willoughby, Ely

CA-DIVORCE
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To the Honorable John A. Kelly Judge of the
Circuit Court of Lee County Virginia
Your orator Balus Lorton, humbly
complaining sheweth unto your Honor
that on the day of 18-
he intermarried with one Elizabeth
Vaughn, with whom he lived for only
a brief period of time, - His said did
not remain with him long enough to assume
his name but is to the present time known
as "Elizabeth Vaughn" she has acquired local
notoriety in the annals of crime, being
a notorious drunkard, prostitute and vile
woman, frequenting the worst cesspools of
vice and immorality, not unfrequently in jail,
from which she has quite recently been
discharged, and since which she has again
set out on her hard-earned way. Your orator
alleges that she has been guilty of various &
other acts of adultery, since which he has
refused to recognize her as a wife or even
an acquaintance - He alleges that she is wholly
lacking in virtue & decency. His object is therefore
is to a decree rendering annulling the bonds
of matrimony now existing between him and
his said wife, and for ever releasing him
from his marital relations. And for all ather
just & General relief may supra. - in &c.

A. L. McIntire

A. C. Cour. \$6.38
Dr. 5.00
cf 18.00
M. Cour. \$26.38

A. L. P.

Balus Lorton

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Elizabeth Lorton alias
Elizabeth Vaughn.

1882. Feb. 20th Or. Pub.
" " Rules Sp. not ex.
" Mr. Courts for Or. Pub.
" Apr. Rules Or. pub. complt &
" set for hearing by plffs.

1882. August Term
Decree final

Balus Lorton. Plff

against

Elizabeth Lorton alias

Elizabeth Vaughn

Def

} Indy

This

Cause came on to be heard upon
the bill of the, order of publication
duly put & published and the depositions
of witnesses, and arguments of
Counsel, on consideration of which
and for reasons appearing to the Court
It is adjudged ordered and de-
cided, that the bonds of matri-
mony heretofore existing between
the plff and defendant, be and
they are hereby dissolved, annulled
and set aside, and the plff has leave
to marry again. - But the Court orders
and decrees that the defendant shall
not again marry, and that she pay
to the plff his costs in this suit expen-
ded and the Cause ~~is continued~~ is
stricken from the docket.

Bolus Sorters.

or { Decretional

Elizabeth Sorters

Elizabeth Vaughn

Aug. 5. 1882

Entered Page 262

J. H. Hyatt
Clerk

Enter due date

Sept. 2^o 1882

J. H. K.

Balis Lorton

Peff

vs

In Chancery.

Elizabeth Lorton alias Vaughan Deft

The deposition of Elkanah Stewart Franklin Davis & others taken on the oath of the Peff on the 16th day of March 1882 before the undersigned Commissioner to be read as evidence in the above styled cause.

The said Stewart being duly sworn deposes & Says First questioned by the Peff.

You will please state how long you have been acquainted with the defendant Elizabeth Lorton alias Vaughan and during the time of your acquaintance with her, what has been her general character? and do you know the fact that she has been guilty of the crime of adultery since she has been the wife of the Peff and if so please state as near as you can when it was that she was guilty of that act the last time, and if more than once please state the number of times as near as you can.

Answer I have been acquainted with the defendant some three or four years. During all that time her character has been that of a regular road walker, or regular pad, or that of a common whore frequenting houses of ill fame. I do not know when she married the Peff. but I do know the fact that she has often had carnal and sexual intercourse with the opposite sex since I have known her. And the last act of that kind of which I have knowledge, was about

one year ago as well as I remember, but as to the number of times I cannot state, but I know of quite a number of such acts.

And further this witness saith not.

Elkanah ^{his} Stewart.

The said Franklin Davis being duly sworn deposes & says.

I have known the defendant Elizabeth Lorton, alias Vaughan for the last 8 years. And during all that time I regarded her as a loose and base woman a regular road find, and a common whore, I do not know when she was married to the Peff, but since I have known her, I know the fact that she has often had sexual intercourse with others than the plaintiff and as well as I now remember the last time she had such illicit intercourse was in the summer of 1880. the exact date I cannot now state. but at the time of this last act of that sort of which I have knowledge she then claimed to be a married woman, and if she was in fact married at that time, then I know the fact that since her marriage, she has been guilty of the crime of adultery.

And further this witness saith not.

Franklin Davis

Virginia Lee County Court

The foregoing depositions of Elkanah Stewart & Franklin Davis were taken before me. Sworn to and subscribed by them respectively.

Henry J. Morgan Clerk

Balis Lorton

vs. $\frac{1}{2}$ Defao,

Elizabeth Lorton

Filed Aug. 1882

J. A. G. Hyatt
Clerk

The deposition of Charles Willoughby
and Thomas J. Ely, taken in the
Clerks office of the Circuit Court of
Lee County Virginia, and which are
intended to be read as evidence
on behalf of Balus Lorton, in
a suit in Chancery now pending
in the Circuit Court of Lee County
in which said suit, said Lorton
is plaintiff and Elizabeth Lorton
alias Elizabeth Vaughn is defendant,

Charles Willoughby a witness of lawful
age being first duly sworn deposes
and says -

Question by Plffs Counsel.

Are you acquainted with Elizabeth
Lorton alias Elizabeth Vaughn, if so
for how long, and how long have you
known of her roaming over the County
and what is her Character?

Ans- I have known the Deft. in the
above styled Cause for something
more than 2 years, during which
time she has not lived with the
plff, to my knowledge, and
with any other person, as husband,
and, but has been a notorious

prostitute, associating with divers individuals, twice in Jonesville Jail during the time, and one of the most public and vicious Characters

And further this deponent saith not:
Charles Willoughby

Thos J. Ely an other witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes and says-

Question by plffs Counsel,

Are you acquainted with Elizabeth Lorton alias Elizabeth Vaughn, if so how long?

Ans I have been acquainted with the said Elizabeth Vaughn about two years, & during the time have had her under my charge as Jailor for Lee County Va twice,

2^d Question - What do you know of her Character.

Ans I know that she is a woman of bad Character and a notorious prostitute, and during the time I have known her, she has been strolling over the Country, engaging

in all sorts of lascivious conduct,
And further this deponent saith not.

Thomas J. Ely

Virginia

Lee County to wit: -

I John A. S. Hyatt a Commissioner in
Chancery for the County Court aforesaid
do certify that the foregoing deposi-
tion were duly taken, sworn to
and subscribed before me, at the time
and place mentioned therein, given
under my hand this 27th day of
March 1882. J. A. S. Hyatt
Comm. &c

Balus Lorton
vs $\frac{3}{4}$ Deco. for Plff
Elizabeth Lorton alias Vaughn

Filed March 27 1882

J. A. Hyatt
Clerk

Court fees — \$1.50

Virginia

Lee County Court:

This day Thos. S. Ely personally
appeared before me in my County
and made oath in due form, that
to the best of knowledge and belief
Elizabeth Lorton alias Elizabeth
Vaughn is a now-resident of
the State of Virginia, given
under my hand this 20th Feby
1882.

J. A. Hyatt Clerk

Balus. Lorton

3/10/33 Affidavit

Elizabeth Lorton alias

Vaughn

Virginia

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit
Court of Lee County February 20 1882

Calus Lorton

Plff.

against

Elizabeth Lorton alias Elizabeth Vaughan Def.

In Chancery

The object of this bill is to obtain a divorce
from the bonds of matrimony now existing between
the plaintiff and the defendant.

And it appearing from an affidavit filed
in this cause that the defendant is a non-
resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered
that she appear here within one month after due
publication of this order, to do what is
necessary to protect her interest in this
suit.

Lester J. Als Hyatt

Clerk

I Certify that I posted a copy of
the above order on the 21 day of
Febry 1882, that being Court day

J. Als Hyatt

Clerk

Balus Lorton
vs $\frac{3}{3}$ Ord. Pub.
Elizabeth Lorton alias Vaughn

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of Lee County - - - Greeting:

We Command you to Summon

Vaughn.

Elizabeth Larton alias Elizabeth

To appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Lee, at the Court-House, on the first Monday in

February

next, being rule day to answer a bill in Chancery, exhibited in our said Court against

hers by

Balus Larton

And have then there this writ. Witness JOHN A. G. HYATT Clerk of our said court at the Court-House

this *25th* day of *January* 188*2*; in the *106* year of the Commonwealth.

J. A. G. Hyatt CLERK.

A Copy Teste:

J. A. G. Hyatt clerk

For Elizabeth
Lorton alias
Elizabeth Vaughn

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Elizabeth Lorton
alias Elizabeth Vaughn

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Feb 8 1882

Thos. S. Cely
S. L. Co.

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DEMOCRATIC—SUBSCRIPTION, ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS A YEAR.

FRED. R. STICKLEY, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR

Jonesville, Va., _____, 1882.

VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Lee County, February 20, 1882.

Bates Lorton, Plff., vs. Elizabeth Lorton alias Elizabeth Vaughan, Deft.—In Chancery.

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Feb 24-4

J. A. G. HYATT, Clerk.

Printers' Fee \$5.00

I hereby Certify
that a Chancery Order of which
the ~~attached~~ ^{annexed} is a copy was printed
and for four successive weeks in
the "Lee County Sentinel" a weekly
Newspaper published in the
town of Jonesville Lee County
Virginia. Publication ending
March 24th 1882

F. R. Stickley
Printer

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